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LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the "Notice to File Missing  
Parts of Nonprovisional Application- Filing Date Granted"  
dated February 27, 2001

Transmitted herewith is a declaration signed by the  
inventors Stanley B. Miller, III, Louis Patrone and Patricia  
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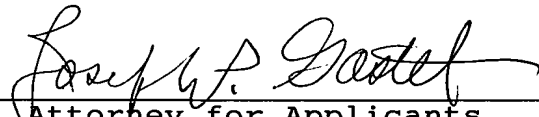
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Statutory basic filing fee	-	\$710
Independent claims in excess of three	-	80
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Respectfully submitted,  
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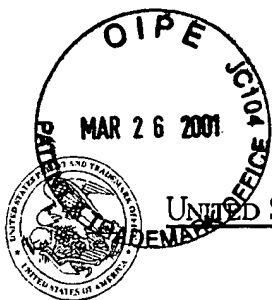


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$206.
  - \$126 for 7 total claims over 20.
  - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1046.

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